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Rev. A. A. Smith, Moderator of the Association.....Kinston, N. C.
E. K. Patterson, Clerk.....Kinston, N. C.

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October 11th, 1928

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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Rev. T. T. Williams, Vice-Moderator.....Goldsboro, N. C.
E. K. Patterson, Clerk.....Kinston, N. C.
Mr. T. S. Barnes, Treasurer.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev H. B. Joyner, Treasurer Superannuated Funds.....Goldsboro, N. C.

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FINANCE AND SURVEY COMMITTEE.

E. K. Patterson, Rev. A. A. Smith, C. C. Crawford, J. S. Barnes, U. G. Moye.

PROCEEDINGS.

Bests, Wayne County, N. C,
October 11th, 1923.

At 10 a. m., the Bear Creek Association met in its fifty-sixth annual session with Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. A. A. Smith Moderator, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. W. Buckram and Bro. L. W. Cox. Bro. Cox introduced services with hymn No. 485, "Jesus, I love thy Charming Name." Rev. Buckram read Psalms 122 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Buckram. The Reverend offered thanks for past blessings and asked for the divine guidance. Second selection, "Since Christ my soul from sin set free," was sung.

The following made very timely expressions, viz: Bro. L. W. Cox, Rev. G. W. Buckram, Bro. O. R. Shepard, Bro. J. W. Gorham, Bro. L. S. Swinson, Bro. H. Draughn, Bro. H. C. Carroll. The Moderator made some very timely remarks and declared the Association open for business. The roll of messengers and officers was called as follows:

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Banks Chapel—C. H. Bryant 25 cents.
Liberty Grove—Joe Sutton 25 cents, A. W. Bizzell 25 cents.
Augusta Chapel—C. H. Lane, C. J. Walls 25 cents each.
Patterson Chapel—
Barnes Chapel—J. C. Barnes 25 cents.
Holly Green—Bert Daniels 25 cents.
Atkinson Chapel—H. Draughn 25 cents.
Saints Delight—Wyatt Williams 25 cents.
Rouse Chapel—John Speight 25 cents.
Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell, Frank Parks 25 cents each.
Mount Pleasant—L. S. Swinson, J. B. Black 25 cents each.
First Baptist, Eureka—Ceazer Fort 25 cents.
Bests Grove—J. H. Coor, E. C. Foye 25 cents each.
Johnson Chapel—
Mount Calvary—Zeb Wooten.
Hooks Grove—Cader Hamilton 25 cents.
St. Stephens—Timothy Underwood, 25 cents.
Ebenezer—Johnny Forshee, 25 cents.
First Baptist, Kinston—J. W. Gorham, 25 cents.
Little Creek—John Darden 25 cents.
First Baptist, Dover—Rev. C. Darden 25 cents.
Piney Grove—Milton Moore, James Mercer 25 cents each.
Buckhorn Chapel—C. J. Walls 25 cents.
Shady Grove—C. L. Loften 25 cents.
Rountree Chapel—
Living Hope—Rayford Dew 25 cents.
Mary's Grove—
Speights Chapel—Lucretia Whitaker.
Mount Zion, Kinston—H. C. Sutton 25 cents.
Winns Chapel—Solomon Elliott 25 cents.
Holly Hill—Willie Dawson 25 cents.
First Baptist, Lucama—Elias Barnes 25 cents.
Brooks Chapel—
Princeton Chapel—
Western Union—J. C. Barnes 25 cents.
Eastern Union—T. I. Patterson 25 cents.
Sunday School Convention—
Woman's Home Missions—Mrs. J. E. Baker 25 cents.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DEACONS.

Banks Chapel—A. T. Kennedy, T. I. Patterson, Bruce Patterson, Charlie Bryant, paid $2.00. ....

Liberty Grove—Frank Bizzell, A. W. Bizzell, Joseph Sutton, Preston Burnett $2.00.

Augusta Chapel—Matthew Ford, Julius Grantham, O. R. Shepard $1 50.

Patterson Chapel—W. M. Vause, John Cobb, J. D Baker, W. E. Baker, T. R. Nunn, 50 cents, Joshua Simmons.

Mount Zion, Kinston—E. K. Patterson, J. L. Parker, Lenn Anderson, Joe Dawson, Will Hood, J. S. Parker, C. L. Lewis $3.50.

Holly Hill—Johnny Dawson, 50 cents, Will Dawson 50 cents, Luther Smith 50 cents, W. M. Mitchell.

First Baptist, Lucama—C. L. Battle 50 cents, W. K. Knight, Will Newton, Elias Barnes 50 cents.

Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams 50 cents, I. W. Williams 50 cents, Jonah Smith, Clarence Barnes 50 cents, A. Howell 50 cents, Fred Truitt 50 cents.

Atkinson Chapel—C. R. Rogers 50 cents, H. C. Carroll, 50 cents, H. H. Draughn, 50 cents, Walter Evans 50 cents, W. O. Sykes 50 cents.

St. Delight—R. F. Forbes, J. F. Evans, Walter Williams, Wyatt Williams, Elear Speights, Jessie Baker, Richard Forbes $3.00.

Rouse Chapel—Nathan Mosley, John Best, H. B. Taylor, George Speights, R. Taylor, John Speight $3.00.

Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell, Frank Parks $1.00.

Mount Pleasant—L. S. Swinson , J. B. Black, L. V. Thompson, W. M. Jones, Sam Walters, H. V. Ford, H. P. Newsome $3.50.

Johnson Chapel—Thomas Braddy, P. P. Lengry, Andrew Parks, Charlie Hinton, Robert Lucas.

Mount Calvary—E. D. Thompson, Zeb Wooten, E. D. Bryant, Fred Everett, Bright Grant.

Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones 50 cents, J. H. Aycock 50 cents, David Sears 50 cents.

Ebenezer—Green Wooten, Isaac Wooten, Ned Wooten, F. W. Bell $2.00.

First Baptist, Eureka—G. J. Johnson 50 cents, Rayford Fort 50 cents.

St. Stephens—Timothy Underwood 50 cents, Reddick Thompson 50 cents, Aaron Staton 50 cents, Frank Hood 50 cents, Lenn Peal, Morris Jones 50 cents, Cicero Garner 50 cents.

First Baptist, Dover—D L. Joyner 50 cents, S. L. Oates 50 cents.

Shady Grove—C. L. Loftin, Thomas Walters, Fred Isler, Essie Isler, J. C. Coor, Ned Wooten 50 cents.

Rountree Chapel—W. M. Pierce.

Living Hope—A. J. Batts 50 cents.

Bests Grove—J. H. Coor 50 cents, E C. Foye 50 cents, B. B. Best 50 cents.

First Baptist, Kinston—J. H. Jones 50 cents, J. H Kinsey 50 cents, J. W. Gorham 50 cents, Peter Cogdell 50 cents.

Piney Grove—Milton Moore, Walter Moore, Jasper Jones, Henry Stewart, James Mercy, Arthur Williams, William Moore $3.50.

Brooks Chapel—James Lancaster, Green Blackman, Johnnie Barnes

Buckhorn Chapel—Alonza Kornegay 50 cents, Allen Sutton 50 cents.

Princeton Chapel—

Speights Chapel—N. J. Speight, M. J Lewis, Deacon Speight $1.50.

ROLL OF ORDAINED ELDERS.

Rev A. A. Smith	$2.00	Rev. W C. Somerville	2.00
Rev. C C. Crawford	2.00	Rev. F. L. Bullock	2.00
Rev. E. T. Jones	2.00	Rev J. W. Watson	....
Rev. E. H. Hooker	2.00	Rev. Walter Green	....

Rev. R. P. Lawson	2.00	Rev. G. W. Todd	2.00
Rev. C. Branch	2.00	Rev J. E. Bowden	2.00
Rev. T. T. Williams	2.00	Rev. U. A. Carlton	2.00
Rev. C. C. Gillette	2.00	Rev. S. Pittman	2.00
Rev. R. H. Hinton	2.00	Rev. J. P. Mitchell	2.00
Rev. E. M. Saunders	2.00	Rev. R. W. Underwood	....
Rev. C. H Andrews	2.00	Rev. J Q. Badger	2.00
Rev. P. D. Davis	2.00	Rev. E. D. Joyner	....
Rev. W. W. Staten	2.00	Rev Arthur Fuller	....
Rev G. W. Buckram	2.00	Rev. A. J. Carlton	....
Rev. H. B. Joyner	2.00	Rev. J A. Styles	....
Rev. U G. Moye	2.00	Rev. G. E. Oliver	....
Rev. R. W. Pate	2.00	Rev D. A. Williams	3.00

LICENTIATES

Bro. General Johnson	....	Bro. Henry Ballott	....
Bro. J. B. Brown	1.00	Bro. A. R. Reid	....
Bro Thomas Barnes	....	Bro Willie Johnson	....
Bro. Willie Bryant	1.00	Bro. Charlie Johnson	....
Bro. A. T. Evans	1.00	Bro. Walter McIntyre	....
Bro G. F. Ellis	....	Bro. Marshall Grantham	1.00

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Bro. L W. Cox	$ .25	Bro. Eugene E. Croom	....
Bro. C. H. Lane	.25	Bro. W. J. Rogers	.25
Sister Annie Grantham	.25	Sister Cora A. Smith	.25
Sister Lula L Smith	.25	L. W. Sauls	.25

Bro. N. W. Wooten assured us that we were welcome to every condition and that the further exercises of welcome would be given tonight.

The program was received and adopted.

The roll was called and we collected $67.50.

Finance Committee—Bros. J. H. Coor, O R. Shepard, T. I. Patterson, Burke Daniels, Sister Nonie Daniels.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory sermon Rev H. B. Joyner assisted by Rev. G. W. Todd, ascended the rostrum to preach the Introductory sermon of the Association. Hymn No 483 was sung by Rev. G. W. Todd. Scripture lesson was read from the 1st chapter of St. John. Rev. S Pittman invoked the Divine blessings upon the Association. He plead earnestly Song continued by Rev. Todd. "Savior more than Life to me." The Vice-President introduced Rev. H B. Joyner to preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. H. H Joyner selected for a text St. John, 1st chapter, 45th verse. Words: For we found him" Subject: A wonderful discovery through Faith. Rev. Joyner preached a strong sermon.

Bros. J. W. Lucas and B F. Johnson came forward and lifted a collection amounting to $5.10.

The latter ten minutes was used in expressions by visitors. The following were introduced and made short talks: Rev. Marcillus Windley of the F. W. B Church, Mrs. Kornegay Supervisor for Wayne County, Bro. J. W. Lucas, of Rocky Mount, and Dr. Somerville. They made splendid talks.

Adjournment by Rev G. W. Todd.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 praise services were conducted by Bro. Marshall Grantham and Rev. C. Branch. Rev. Marshall introduced services with hymn No. 490, "Jesus my God, I know His name!" Rev. Branch read the Scripture lesson from the 121st Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Willie Bryant. The brother was spirited in his petitions Second selection 378.

Minutes of the morning session were read, received and adopted.

The roll was called and we collected $15.25.

Committee on Temperance, Committee on Obituaries, Committee on Place, Committee on Grievances, Committee on Ordination, and Committee on New Churches. Bro A. W. Bizzell paid 25 cents annual fees.

Rev. C. C. Somerville, representative of the Lott-Carey Convention, was presented and made a very interesting talk on Foreign Missions The Doctor held us spell bound with his eloquence.

A collection was taken and the following paid $1.00 each: J. C. Barnes, Sister Lucretia Whitaker, Rev W. W. Staton. Total collected $13.35.

A motion prevailed that the amount be supplemented $6.65, making $20.00 for Missions.

Rev. R. W. Underwood commented on the address.

Rev. O. M. James of Tarboro, corresponding messenger from the old Eastern Association, brings greetings. A vote of thanks was tendered him.

Rev. A. W. Ackens made some timely remarks.

Rev. G. W. Todd was presented but owing to lateness of the hour Rev. Todd asked space to speak at some other period during the session.

We now adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION

After several spirituals Rev. O. M. James introduced praise services with hymn No. 58. Rev J. O. Badger read the Scripture lesson.

Prayer by Rev. U. A. Carlton "Holy! Holy!" was sung. The Moderator now in a very timely way called for the address of Welcome. Rev. U G. Moye Representative, and Rev. Davis very timely welcomed us for the church. Welcome on behalf of the community was made by Mrs. Maude Kornegay. The lady in a very timely way extended us a cordial welcome.

We were now favored with words of welcome on behalf of the Sunday School by Brother Thomas Wooten.

Miss Penina Patterson now sang a very excellent solo.

Rev. G. W Todd in a very timely way accepted the welcomes tendered us.

Bro. A. W. Bizzell and Bro Ned Wooten lifted a collection amounting to $13.51.

Prof J. L. Tilley, an instructor of the Theological Department of Shaw University, was introduced to the Association. The Professor gave us some very helpful and inspiring remarks.

A motion prevailed that we allow a donation of $40.00 for Shaw University to be paid at the Baptist State Convention to be held at Goldsboro, N. C., October 30th, 1928

Rev. J. E. Bowden, assisted by Rev. E. M Saunders, ascended the rostrum to preach the Missionary sermon of the Association. Rev. Saunders led with a hymn.

Rev. J. E. Bowden was now introduced to preach the Missionary Sermon of the Association. After a short preliminary he selected for a text Genesis 12-1. Get thee out from among thy country and from among thy people. Subject: If Jesus goes with me I will go anywhere.

Rev. Saunders sang, "I want to see Jesus don't you "

Homes were assigned.

We now adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

At 9:20 Bro. O. R. Shepard opened services with hymn No. 520. Rev. W. W Staton read Psalm 26 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Staton. Bro. Shepard sang, "Pass me not O gentle Saviour."

The Moderator in a few remarks called for the Minutes of Thursday's afternoon and night session. The Minutes were read, received and adopted.

The roll was called and amount collected $12.50.

Rev. F. L Bullock, Pastor of the Best Grove church, was presented. Rev. Bullock made some helpful remarks. He pledged his support.

Rev. W. I. Somerville, Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist church, was presented. Rev. Somerville in just a few words encouraged us to go forward.

At this hour the appointment of Committee on Constitution and Resolutions and Nomination of Officers. All committees out at work.

At 12 o'clock the committees were called in to hear the Sunday School sermon of the Association to be preached by Rev. J. A. Styles. Rev. Styles being absent Rev. O. M. James was appointed to officiate, assisted by Rev. W. C. Somerville.

Bro. J. L. Benton sang, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Prayer by Rev. J. O. Badger. "Praise God, praise his Holy Name," was sung. Rev. W. C Somerville lined hym No. 271, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The Moderator now introduced Rev. O. M. James to preach the Sunday School sermon of the Convention.

After some preliminaries Rev. James selected for a text second Epistle of St. Peter, 3rd chapter, 18th verse: Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Subject: Christian growth. The Rev. James preached a powerful sermon on the subject of Christian growth.

Rev. U. A. Carlton sang, "I am going through."

Bro. J. S. Barnes and Bro. W. J. Rogers lifted a collection amounting to $8.05.

Adjourned by benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Praise services. At 6:30 p. m., Rev. R. P. Lawson lined, "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee." Rev. D. A. Williams read St. John 7th chapter 1—15.

Prayer by Bro. J. B. Brown. The brother was spirited in his petition.

Selection No. 631 was sung.

Minutes of Friday's Morning session were read, received and adopted.

The roll was called.

Collected annual fees to the amount of $14.50..

The following committees reported:

Report of Woman's Home Mission Convention was made through Mrs. J. E. Baker. Amount reported $10.00.

Report of Field Agents made by Mrs. T. T. Williams. Amount reported $25.00.

Report of Western Union made by Bro. J. C. Barnes. After giving statement he brings $5.00.

Report of Eastern Union made by Bro. T. I. Patterson. After giving statement that they had donated to weak churches; bring no money.

Report on New Churches. See report.

Report of Committee on Grievances. See report.

Report of Committee on Place of Next Session. See report.

Report of Committee on Temperance. See report.

Report of Committee on Obituaries. See report.

Report of District Superintendent No. 3, Bro. H. C. Carroll, who brought up from his work for the Convention $4.00, which finished his work. The

amount was turned over to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School Convention.

Sister Nonia Daniels came forward and asked for a collection in raising $600.00 School Fund for LaGrange High School. Amount given was $7.00.

Rev. R. P. Lawson came forward asking for a donation on building a new church at Snow Hill. A motion prevailed that the Reverend go back and organize the church and $25.00 be allowed for the cause.

Report of Committee on Ordination. See report.

Report of Committee on Constitution. See report.

Report on Nomination of Officers. See report.

Report of Committee on Survey and Finance. See report.

The report of delegates from the State Convention Dr. A. A. Smith and Rev. T. T. Williams. The report was short and timely which was received.

A motion now prevailed that Bro. E. K. Patterson and Rev. A. A. Smith be delegates to the Convention in Goldsboro, N. C., October 30th.

Report of Finance Committee. See report.

Rev. O. M. James came forward to speak in favor of B. Y. P. U. Sunday School work. The Rev. in a short manner outlined his work and gave a wholesome talk. After which a collection was given him amounting to $2.00 for the cause.

NIGHT SESSION.

Praise services.

Song services were lined.

Rev. W. C. Somerville read the Scripture lesson from the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Todd. The Reverend plead for divine guidance and offered thanks.

Rev. G. W. Buckram sang, "I am a soldier in this army of the Lord."

The Moderator introduced Dr. J. H. Moore, Field Secretary of North Carolina. Dr. Moore spoke on Missions and Tithing. He was forceful in his argument. A collection was lifted for Dr. Moore by Rev. U. G. Moye and H. B. Joyner, E. K Patterson and U. G. Moye gave $1.00 each.

Total collection for Missions $15.39. The amount was supplemented making a donation of $25.00.

A motion prevailed that the building be painted and necessary improvements be made.

A vote of thanks was returned to the good people of Bests for the hospitality shown us during the setting of our Association.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

Rev. W. C. Somerville lined the first hymn, "Go preach my gospel."

Rev. E. M. Saunders read the Scripture lesson.

Prayer by Rev. H. B. Joyner.

Second selection No. 51, "A charge to keep I have."

Rev. G. W. Todd, Pastor of the Mount Zion church at Kinston, to preach the Ordination sermon.

After some preliminaries Rev. Todd selected for a text Psalm 14—1; St. Matthew 1—25; Mark 16—16. Subject: Four certainties of Christianity. Reverend was very instructive in his discourse.

Rev. Sanford sang, "A charge to keep I have."

Prayer by Rev. C. C Gillette. He plead earnestly for the success of the young candidates.

Charge given by Rev. C. S. Crawford.

Homes assigned and adjourned by benediction.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At 11 a. m. first hymn No. 375, "O! for a closer walk with God."

Rev. P. D. Davis read the Scripture lesson from St. John 3:1-11. Prayer by Rev Davis. Second selection 487, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." The Moderator after a short review of the work of the week presented Rev. G. W. Buckram, of High Point, N. C., to preach. Rev. Buckram selected for a text, Paul to the Phillipians 2:9. Subject: The peerless name, the matchless Name. Rev. Buckram preached a powerful sermon. Prayer by Rev. C. H. Andrews.

After a song Bro. Starr Hicks, one of the leading Laymen of the U. N. Free-Will Baptist Church, and Bro. L. H. Holloman lifted the collection.

Rev. C. H. Andrews paid $2.00 annual fees, Rev. P. D. Davis $2.00, Bro. L. W. Sauls 25 cents, two members of Buckhorn Chapel paid 50 cents as fees.

We adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

At 3 o'clock we were entertained by some of the best talents of Bests with a very high class program. After which Rev. P. D. Davis, pastor of the church, preached a very strong and spiritual sermon.

We finally adjourned to meet with Ebenezer First Baptist church, La-Grange, N. C., on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1929. Rev. R. W. Pate, pastor.

On the fourth Sunday in October, or just two weeks after the close of the Association Bro. A. T. Kennedy, our Corresponding Secretary, was called from labor to reward. He died in the full triumph of faith. Sleep on Bro. Kennedy. We loved thee well but Jesus loved thee best.

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.
E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

ANNUAL SERMONS OF THE BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION FOR 1929.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. U. A. Carlton.
Missionary Sermon—Rev. C. C. Crawford.
Doctrinal Sermon—Rev. F. L. Bullock.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF MODERATOR REV. A. A. SMITH.

The close of another Associational year brings the members of this organization together in annual session. For this privilege we feel thankful to our gracious Father in heaven.

As we endeavor to consecrate God's blessings to us as Ministers of the gospel as Heralds of the Cross, the wonder is have we been worthy recipients. Have we hastened along our journey during the year with burning messages from heaven to dying sinners? Have we told the story of Calvary with earnestness and zeal to a lost world? Have we been sincere in doing our full duty as God has given us light to see it? Have we striven with all diligence to get light from Heaven on our pathway, so that we might go wherever God would have us go and do whatever He bade?

My Brethren and Friends, I am pursuaded to state that when man has gone to the limits of his ability to labor for the Master God is always standing at this extremity, ready and willing to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes. I mean, when a person gives to the cause of God and righteousness, his talents, his strength—then one's talents will be increased, his strength renewed.

Brethren, we must learn that God wants us to place ourselves, and our all, on His altar, and be used in the furtherance of His Kingdom. We must learn to freely give for the salvation of the world, our best in whatever that may consist. For we have nothing which did not come from our Father in Heaven; indeed, every good and perfect gift cometh down from Heaven. Job said, "we brought nothing in the world and we will carry nothing away."

Again, let it be remembered that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. It is so refreshing to know that God has given man dominion over His creation. God has made plans—definite, specific plans for man to be governed and to work out his salvation by Therefore, for man to meet Divine approbation he must work in accordance with these God-made definite plans.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK OR KINGDOM EXTENSION.

In Kingdom Extension work our Association for the past forty years, has been contributing more or less through different agencies to this cause. Our Association is a component part of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which is pushing with great fervor Christian Mission work, through the Lott-Carey Foreign Mission Convention in benighted Africa and other heathen lands, by establishing stations and supporting missionaries.

Brethren, I am afraid that we have not given freely enough to Foreign Missions.

OUR STATE WORK.

This department of our work as Christians, consist chiefly in helping to build up strong Educational institutions where our ministers and Christian leaders may be trained and prepared for real effective work in both church and state: trained to properly organize and lead the great host of Baptists in the State for service.

My brethren, a difficult task to have real leaders, actual front men to move forward in any line of work, without special training for that specific duty. Oh, yes, there are some men engaged, perhaps, in almost every kind of endeavor who have little or no school preparation, and yet, these men seem to be meeting a measure of success. It may be said that these men are exceptions and would doubtless make far more rapid and lasting success in their work had they been specifically trained for it.

Therefore, Brethren, I am trying to emphasize the importance of liberal support for our educational institutions—Shaw University and our secondary

schools, along with the Union Reformer, our Convention organ, which is indeed a great factor in our educational system.

Let me urge with all the emphasis, my brethren, the imperative duty of members of this Association to give liberal support to all these agencies which are auxiliaries in carrying forward the work fostered by our great Convention—Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Shaw University, our Baptist secondary schools and our Convention.

OUR ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

We now venture some reflections, some suggestions touching our Association, its achievements and its purpose:

First. What has our Association achieved? What has it accomplished during these years?

Second. What does it purpose or hope to do, as an organized number of churches?

In answer to the first question asked it may be stated that the Association has given, during the last quarter of a century its proportion to Foreign Missions, State Missions, Home Missions and Christian Education. It has also assisted a number of our ministers to better qualify themselves for the discharge of duty, as well as to encourage many of our young men to attend school.

In the last few years it has assisted many of its churches and made donations ot its aged ministers.

In answering the second question—let it be said that the Association does not only purpose to hold possessions already attained, but it hopes to gain new, larger and more glorious achievements, by increasing its contributions to the objects fostered by the Association and the Baptist State Convention.

A WORD AS TO THE CHURCH AND THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

In this connection the question rushes to the forefront like this: What is the status of your church now, this year, compared with its condition a year ago? Have the church grounds been made more attractive by grading or laying out walks, or planting trees or shrubbery, or by sowing on the grounds grasses! Or has the church building been improved by being plastered, or painted, or ceiled, or by having installed in the building better seats or pews, or better heating conveniences and thereby rendering the building, the house where God promises to meet His people, more comfortable? If these questions can be answered in the affirmative, if you can in answer say yes. Then, well done.

Now brother, a word to you:

First. A remark to the Pastor, the Minister, the Preacher, and let me say I am serious and sincere in this. Have you actually been a leader by leading in all good works, in all good efforts—by being prompt and punctual in attending Divine worship and all church services—including preaching, prayer meeting, Sunday Schools, B.Y.P.U. services and Mission meetings!

If you can answer yes I have; then all must say, Well done!

OUR OWN CHURCH: WHAT CAN WE DO FOR HER?

In any church it is not right for us to be narrow and selfish and center all interest on ourselves. Yet, since most of the work we are to accomplish for Christ must be done in the community in which we live, and in the church where we have cast our lot—it becomes in the highest sense right and commendable for each Christian to love and serve his own church. We may and should give to Missions. interest ourselves in philanthropic undertakings and have a wideness of vision. But those are likely to be the best Christians and more useful to the world who love best and serve first their own local church. (1) Our own church, What is it to us?

It may be a large church with fine building, big Sunday school, vigorous

societies and many inspiring features. It may be a small church, working some neglected spot in God's vineyard, holding up the banner of the Cross in some sparsely settled country district, or struggling amid adverse circumstances. But in either case it is our own church, our appointed place of worship and labor, and it is right for us to love it. The Church is the bride of Christ. If we want to please the Bridegroom let us treat His bride well. Let us not forget either the educational value of the church. Aside from its chief value, in spiritual directions, the Church is a great educator. Few realize how much they get out of a musical education by their attendance at church—the hearing of good music, the having to sing and take part in the services of praise. We send our children to high school and college to get an education. They get it largely by listening to lectures by professors, eminent in special lines. Few of us estimate as highly as we ought the educational value, from a literary standpoint alone, there is in year after year hearing the excellent sermons and talks and addresses of ministers and other qualified workers who preach or teach. People set a very high value on social advantages; yet few realize fully the great boon the Church is to them and their families socially—the solid training they get by mingling together, the delightful friendship they form, and the large satisfaction the church brings to them in this direction.

Of course, infinitely more important than any of these is the spiritual value of the church. It is a saving agency to us and to our children. It is the spiritual mother of us all. We get impulse from her services, comfort from her ministers, many helps heavenward, and large opportunities for Christian usefulness. Let us each value our own church and Association more. That is a truly good and wise thing to do.

OUR OWN CHURCH—WHAT CAN WE DO FOR HER?

(2) Can we not give more to its support? The whole amount given to missions, Church support and general Church work last year by all denominations averaged only a few cents per day per member, less than the cost of a cigar or a glass of soda water. Is it not possible for every man, woman and child to increase at least by a little of the gifts to the church this coming year? Can we not love it more; think more about it; be more enthusiastic in its service?

A happy pastor has just written to a friend regarding a young, wholesale merchant in his church who talks up his church and pastor almost as much as he does the boots and shoes he sells and urges his customers to come and hear his minister.

Another openly in a precinct caucus said to a friend, Professor, you have just moved into our neighborhood, and I want to invite you to our church.

(3) Can we not be a little more loyal, excuse the faults and complain less when things go wrong? If we could all be present when officers are wrestling with problems of finance and management, we would have more sympathy and less tendency to criticise.

(4) Can we not be quite a little hospitable? Always say good morning to those sitting next to you in the service. Tarry about the door and give people a welcome. Invite visitors to your seat—they are strangers. You are at home and can easily find another sitting. Be more ready to take responsibilities. Say as a young man we know did to his pastor, I am done declining. He had decided to do whatever he was asked to do. Find work without waiting to be set at it. If you see something that ought to be done, bear in mind the fact that you see the need is the very indication that you are the one to meet it. There is unlimited opportunity. The features of work are many, the societies are many and varied; the chances for talent of every sort is wide. Let each one resolve to do the very best for Christ and His church and Association in the present passing season. God needs no one on His program that does not work. John 5:17: My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

Again, we read in John 6:28: What shall we do that we might work the

works of God? As Christ's representatives in His absence let us answer: Give liberally, systematically, of your time, of your talent, or of your influence, of your means, to Missions, Home and Foreign, and to the cause of Christian Education.

Listen, my friends, and see if the report was sent to Heaven and to God of the work recorded in our last Annual Association is of such to merit the approval, well done.

Number of churches in our Association 35.
Number of members within our bounds is more than 3,000.
Number of ministers for our churches 35.
Amount of money given to different objects more than $300.
Amount of money and notes on hand is around $1,000.

Do these amounts of money represent the best, the very best, that we as an Association could have done? Let us think and ponder well, friends, and answer for ourselves. God demands our best. When we have done our best, when we have done our very best, then, and only then, may we listen and expect to hear the welcome acceptance of Jehovah.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That every member of each Church in this Association be taught and trained to contribute regularly and liberally at stated times, to help push forward the needed gospel in the heathen lands, and the great need of Christian Education among our boys and girls.

(2) That all pastors, preachers, deacons, and Sunday School Superintendents, teachers and officers and others, be urged to subscribe to our denominational paper, the Union Reformer.

(3) That we encourage young men of promies to prepare for the gospel ministry.

(4) That strong membership churches, in the rural districts or in the country, in order to hold the membership they have and to put more life or stimulation in the church, pay the pastor a living salary and have church two Sundays at least in the month.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON OFFICERS.

The committee recommends the following as the officers of the B. C. M. B. Association for the next year:

Moderator—Rev. A. A. Smith.
Vice-Moderator—Rev. T. T. Williams.
Secretary—Bro. E. K. Patterson.
Corresponding Secretary—Bro. A. T. Kennedy, deceased.
Treasurer—Bro. J. S. Barnes.
Superannuated Treasurer—Bro. H. B. Joyner.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Chairman, Bro. U. G. Moye, Bro. H. C. Sutton, Rev. C. H. Branch, Rev. J E. Bowden, Deacon L. S. Swinson, Deacon H. Draughn, Deacon A. L' Joyner.

TRUSTEE BOARD.

Deacon J. W. Gorham, Bro. L. W. Cox, Deacon H. C. Carroll, Deacon E.

K. Patterson, Charlie Loftin, Deacon J. H. Coor, Deacon J. G. Grantham.

COMMITTEE ON SURVEY.

Rev. A. A. Smith, Deacon E. K. Patterson, Rev. C. C. Crawford, Bro. J. S. Barnes, Rev. U. G. Moye.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GRANTHAM,
COLONEL WALL,
CHARLIE BRYANT,
E. H. HOOKER,
H. C. SUTTON,
MILTON MOORE,
ANANIAS EVANS,
E. C. FOYE,
JESSIE BLACK,
JOHN SPEIGHT,
C. H. BRANCH,
J. O. BADGER,
B. B. BEST,
H. C. CARROLL,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, intemperance is a mockery to any people and tends to destroy the usefulness of our boys and girls. We recommend that this Association put itself on record as disapproving of intemperance in food, drink, dress, and that all preachers should preach temperance in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BRYANT,
A. W. BIZZELL,
WILLIE BRYANT,
H. C. SUTTON,
TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD,
J. O. BADGER,
D. A. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

REPORT ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that several churches have made application for the next sitting of the Association. After carefully considering the applications we recommend Ebenezer Baptist Church, LaGrange, N. C., for our next sitting, Thursday and Friday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1929.

C. H. BRANCH,
T. R. NUNN,
FRED ISLER,
WILLIE DAWSON,
JOHNNIE FORSHEE,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, do make the following report: We find that since the last session it has pleased our Maker to call several from among us, from labor to reward. Those departing were:

Sister Jennie Gregory, Rouse Chapel; Sister Ruth Barnes, Ebenezer; Sister Minerva Ward, Bests Grove; Sister Sallie Davis, Bests Grove; Bro. Luke Taylor, Bests Grove; Sister Annie Shadding, Mount Pleasant; two from Augusta Chapel; two from First Baptist, Kinston, N. C.; Sister Louvenia Best, Atkinson Chapel; Sister Jennie Mosley, Rouse Chapel; Rev. P. B. Barnes, St. Stephens; Sister Leah Parks, Shady Grove; Sister Lula Keaton, Shady Grove.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MERCEY,
LUCRETIA WHITAKER.
C. L. BATTLE,
JOHN SPEIGHTS,
J. W. GORHAM,
CARTER HOMERTON
Committee.

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: We find that there are no new churches to come before this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYFORD DEW,
LEVI THOMPSON,
FRANK PARKS, Committee.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: We, your Committee on Grievances, beg leave to submit the following report:

Rev. T. T. Williams, Rev. H. B Joyner and Bro. G. T. Johnson came before us and begged pardon for violation of Article 18 of our Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. G. W. BUCKRAM, Chairman.
BRO. L. S. SWINSON, REV. MARSHALL GRANTHAM,
BRO. H. C. CARROLL, BRO. JULIUS GRANTHAM,
REV. C. H. BRANCH, REV. U. A. CARLTON, Secretary,
Committee.

REPORT ON ORDINATION.

We, your Committee recommend that the following named persons be ordained and set apart to the gospel ministry: A. T. Evans, Willie Brown, A. G. Howell and that Bro. Jessie Brown be sent back for further study.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. T. T. WILLIAMS,
REV. U. G. MOYE,
S. PITTMAN,
O. M. JAMES,
G. W. TODD, Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WESTERN UNION FOR 1928.

President, Rev. H. B. Joyner; Vice-President, Deacon H. C. Carroll; Clerk, H. C. Barnes; Assistant Clerk, W. J. Rogers; Treasurer, L. V. Thompson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. T. T. Williams, Rev. J. E. Bowden, Deacons B. B. Best, H. Draughn, C. C. Williams.

Total number of ministers enrolled	10
Total number of Licentiates enrolled	3
Total number of deacons enrolled	28
Total number of brothers enrolled	11
Total number of Sisters enrolled	25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE UNION.

Union fees collected in full	$ 57.00
Educational fees collected in full	38.00
Public collections in full	75.89
Collected for sick and charity	16.15
Grand total	$ 187.04

PAID OUT

To different churches	$ 15.19
Union Expenses	81.49
Donated to Sick and Charity	6.10
To preachers	47.73
For Educational purposes	27.63
Balance in Treasury	8.88

J. C. BARNES, Delegate.

REPORT OF FIELD AGENT.

Brother Moderator, members and friends of this Association: I regret very much to come to you with so small amount after having twelve months to work but under the prevailing circumstances I commend myself in trying to bring in anything because it has been rumored abroad that we have no object in view. I am hoping that the near future will bring the object to view. I shall be very glad to help function the work.

Report is as follows: One visit to Mount Pleasant and received $1.75; one visit to Eureka Union meeting and received $3.70; one visit to Barnes Chapel and received $4.00. I solicited aid from different friends to the amount of $15.55, making a total of $25.00. Yours for the cause,

DAISY B. WILLIAMS.

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

J. H. Coor, Finance Committee	$ 3.00
T. I. Patterson, Finance Committee	3.00
O. R. Shepard, Finance Committee	3.00
Nonie A. Daniels, Finance Committee	3.00
A. T. Evans, Finance Committee	1.50
Buck Daniels, Finance Committee	3.00
Rev. T. T. Williams, Vice-Moderator	7.00
Rev. A. A. Smith, Moderator	15.00
Mrs. T. T. Williams, Field Agent	10.00
E. K. Patterson, Clerk and Minutes	20.00
A. T. Kennedy, Corresponding Secretary	7.00
J. S. Barnes, Treasurer, per J. H. Coor	2.00
Rev. H. B. Joyner, Preaching	3.00
Rev. J. E' Bowden, preaching	3.00
Rev. O. M. James, Preaching	3.00
Rev. C. C. Crawford, Ordination blanks	1.05
A. A. Smith, Brooks Chapel service	5.00
E. K. Patterson, Brooks Chapel service	5.00
Rev. C. C. Crawford, Board expense	2.00
Rev. U. G Moye, Board expense	2.00
Programs and stationery	6.00
Delegates to State Convention—Smith and Patterson	10.00
J. H. Jones, donation, per J. W. Gorham	$ 5.00
Liberty Grove Church, Rev. A. W. Bizzell	15.00
Norah Ellis, per Rev. C C. Crawford	2.50
Pennys Grove, per Milton Moore	5.00
E. M. Saunders, donation	5.00
Returned Rev. D. A. Williams	1.00
Returned Bro Johnny Forshee	1.00
Returned Bro. J. B. Brown	1.00
Dr. J. H. Moore, supplementary to collections	9.61
Shady Grove, donation	10.00
Rev. G. W. Todd, preaching	3.00
Rev. E. M. Saunders, Board meeting	2.00
Total disbursements at the Association	$ 180.16

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received at the last Association	$ 340.28
Cash loan	300.00
	$ 640.28
Interest paid on money for 1928	38.42
Total	$ 678.70
Cash brought forward in the hands of the Standing Committee, 1927	54.73
Received from A. A. Smith, interest for 1928	27.00
	$ 760.43
Paid out for Minutes of 1927	50.00
Net amount in hands of the Standing Committee Oct. 10th, 1928	$ 710.43

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. PATTERSON,
A. A. SMITH,
U. G. MOYE,
C. C. CRAWFORD,
J. S. BARNES, Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AS OF OCT. 10, 1928.

Cash in the hands of the Standing Committee	$ 710.43
Cash in the Treasury per J. S. Barnes	100.00
Cash in the Treasury per H. B. Joyner	11.50
Total cash	$ 821.93
Due on real estate	450.00
Total assets	$1271.93

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

SECOND REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Brother Moderator and Brethren: We, your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Per Capita tax	$ 292.50
Annual Money	111.75
Public Collections	10.06
Woman's Convention	10.00
Field Agent	25.00
Western Union	5.00
Total	484.31
Paid out at the Association	180.16
To Finance Committee	$ 304.15

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. COOR,
O. R. SHEPARD,
T. I. PATTERSON,
B. DANIELS,
SISTER N. A. DANIELS,
Committee.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.

Bests, N. C., October 12, 1928.

Committee on Constitution of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association reports as follows:

Article 1. Mission added.

Articles 2 to 12 inclusive, O. K.

Article 13. Change 25 cents per month to 75 cents.

Article 14. This Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Article 15. O. K.

Article 16. Three sermons instead of six as heretofore—Introductory, Missionary, and Doctrinal sermons.

Articles 17 to Article 20 and Sec. 1—O. K.

Amendment—O. K.

Article 21. 20 cents quarterly.

REV. H. B. JOYNER,
REV. G. W. TODD,
DEACON H. DRAUGHN,
BRO. JERRY GORHAM,
BRO. L. W. COX,
REV. U. G. FOYE,
REV. C. C. CRAWFORD,
REV. J. E. BOWDEN,
BRO. J. C. BARNES,
REV. W. C. SOMERVILLE,
BRO. MARSHALL GRANTHAM,
BRO. M. J. FORD,
REV. C. C. GILLETTE,
BRO. C. H. LANE,
REV. O. M. JAMES, Committee.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors to encourage Christian Education in general to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and to do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sabbath school in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teaching of the word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers. Pastors and Deacons chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordained ministers belonging to this Association shall pay $2.00 annually; Licentiate Ministers $1.00 annually; Ordained Deacons 50 cents annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of $2 down and $2.00 annually thereafter; said monies to maintain a superannuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Exe-

cutive Board of seven members, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of this body; in observance of the Constitution preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, Corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies representing the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of the Association, and make report to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association of any of its churches, and the church or Association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of any church unless called for by the church.

Art. 12. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose, and if received, the presiding officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 13. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing twenty-five (25c.) cents per member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 14. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, except that of voting.

Art. 15. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 16.. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, and Doctrinal sermon during the session, directed by the Chair.

Art. 17. Messengers to the Association shall bring 25 cents for Educational purposes.

Art. 18. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Association and Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to have full control of the legal business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

AMENDMENT.

All moneys raised during the year between the sittings of the Association by the Sunday School Convention, Home Mission Convention, Eastern and Western Unions, and from various sources, be represented at the Association and turned in to Associational Treasurer.

Art. 21. That there be an amendment to the effect that all churches be urged to give each Fifth Sunday in the interest of the Unions.

Annual fee of Deacons shall be 20 cents quarterly to the Union.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED APPLICANTS WHEN APPLYING FOR LICENSE TO PREACH.

1. What is grace?
2. How do you know that you are called to preach the gospel?
3. What is the gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is religion?
6. What is faith in the Lord?
7. What is the law of God?
8. How do the Scriptures describe God?
9. Who is God?
10. What is a Gospel Church?
11. What is a Church?
12. How is a Baptist Church governed?
13. Who are the Scriptural Officers of a Baptist Church?
14. What is necessary to be saved?

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Each session of this Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.

2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.

3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.

5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.

7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely.

8 After a vote is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move to reconsider.

9 The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration

10. No member shall present himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.

11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS

——OF THE——

Fortieth Annual Session

——OF THE——

Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention

——MET WITH——

Morning Star Sunday School at Kinston, N. C.,

AUGUST 23d,, 1928

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

President ..... T. I. Patterson
Vice-President ..... W. J. ROGERS
Secretary ..... R. T. Jones
Assistant Secretary ..... Fred J. Isler
Treasurer ..... B. B. Best
Auditor ..... T. T. Williams
Financial Agent ..... Mrs. Daisy Williams

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Lee W. Sauls, Chairman, A. T. Kennedy, J. H. Jones, J. E. Baker, A. W. Bizzell.

DIRECTORY BOARD.

Rev. A. A. Smith, E. C. Foye, H. B. Joyner, H. Draughn, C. H. Lane.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

District No. 1 ..... Mary Thompson
District No. 2 ..... Mary E. Morgan
District No. 3 ..... H. C. Carroll
District No. 6 ..... R. J. King

LADY AGENTS.

Patterson Chapel..Mrs. J. E. Baker
Ebenezer....Miss Julia Mae Wooten
Bests Grove.....Miss Rosie Best
Hooks Grove.....Miss Cora Evans
Atkinson.....Miss Emma Rogers
Saint Delight.....Gabriel Jones
Mount Zion.....Mrs. R. A. Bright
Shady Grove...Miss Rachel Wooten
Holly Green.....Miss Lillian Coley
1st Baptist,Lucama...Miss McBride
Rouse Chapel.Miss Lillian Blackman
Mt. Pleasant..Miss Selena Buckram
1st Bap., Kinston..Miss Verna Jones
Augusta Chapel,Miss Anna Grantham
Barnes Chapel...Miss Estella Smith
First Baptist, Dover....Eva Branch

COMMITTEES.

A. A. Smith, Chairman, J. E. Baker, C. L. Loftin, H. Drake, O. R. Shepard, W. M. Jones, L. W. Sauls, Archie Bryant.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Roll called.

President—T. I. Patterson....	$ .50	Treasurer—B. B. Best.....	.50
Vice-Pres.—W. J. Rogers.....	.50	Auditor—T. T. Williams.....	.50
Secretary—R. T. Jones.....	.50	Financial Field Agent—	
Cor. Secretary—Fred Isler....	.50	Mrs. Daisy Williams.....	.50

DIRECTORY BOARD.

A. A. Smith, Chairman.....	$ .50	H. B Joyner.....	.50
E. C. Foye.....	.50	H. Draughn	.50
		C. H. Lane.....	.50

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

L. W. Sauls, Chairman.....	.50	A. W. Bizzell.....	.50
J. H. Jones, Secretary.....	.50	J. E. Baker.....	.50
		A. T. Kennedy, deceased.....	.50

LADY AGENTS.

Mrs. Anna Grantham.....	.50	Mrs. Roxie Anna Bright.....	.50
Miss Cora Evans.....	.50	Mrs. Rachel Wooten.....	.50
Miss Estella Smith.....	.50	Miss Lillian L. Coley.....	.25
Miss Emma Rogers.....	.50	Miss Lillian Blackman.....	.25
Mrs. J. E. Baker.....	.50	Miss Mack Bride.....	...
Miss Julia Wooten.....	.50	Mrs Selena Buckram.....	.50
Miss Rosie Best.....	.50	Miss Verna Mae Jones.....	.25
		Miss Eva Branch.....	...

There will be paid $3.00 to the ones that bring $15.00 to the Convention, and a lady's wrist watch to the ones that bring $25.00.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Mr. Reddick Thompson.....	$ .50	Rev. C. C. Gillette.....	.50
Mr. A. T Kennedy.....	.50	Mr. F. R. Nunn.....	.50
Mr. C. H. Lane.....	.50	Rev. C. C. Crawford.....	.50
Mr. E. E. Croom.....	.50	Mr. O. R. Shepard.....	.50
Mr. Richard J. King.....	.50	Rev. R. W. Underwood.....	.50
Mr. J. H. Coor.....	.50	Mr. C. L. Loftin.....	.50
Rev U. G. Moye.....	.50	Mr. Leander Wooten.....	.50
Mrs. Lula Bizzell.....	.50	Rev. C. H. Andrews.....	.50
Mr. E. K. Patterson.....	.50	Mr. A. W. Bizzell.....	.50
Mrs. Lula Smith.....	.50	Mrs. Viola Jones.....	.25
Mr. J. G. Grantham.....	.50	Rev. C. Neffax.....	.50
Mr. Matthew Ford.....	.50	Mr. A. B Jones.....	.50

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

1. Mrs. Mary Thompson, Annual fees 50 cts.; brought to Convention $1.50.
2. Mrs. Mary Morgan.
3. Mr. H. C. Carroll, annual fees 50cts., brought to Convention $3.00.
6. Wm Jones, annual fees 50cts.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Kinston, N. C., Aug. 23, 1928.

At 10 o'clock the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention met with Morning Star Sunday School in its 40th annual session, President T. I. Patterson in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Deacons Fred Isler and C. J. Wall.

Brother Isler opened with hymn No. 13 and Brother Wall read the 15th chapter of St. Luke. Rev. Joseph Bowden led with a fervent and touching prayer. Next selection sung by the Convention was 41. The welcomes were deferred until that night.

The President, T. I. Patterson, now in a few well chosen words announced the house in order for business.

Motion to adopt the program for its guide was carried.

The pastor Rev. U. G. Moye having to leave, extended the Convention a cordial welcome.

Rev. Joseph Bowden accepted the same on the part of the Convention.

The hour having arrived for the Introductory sermon motion prevailed to extend the time ten minutes to complete or finish the roll call.

The President now appointed the Finance Committee.

The President at this point presented Rev. C. H. Andrews to preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. H. B. Joyner opened with the song, "Will there be any stars in my crown." Rev. Andrews read for Scripture lesson the 25th chapter of Isaiah. Prayer was offered by Brother S. P. Purdie. The brother was felt through the Spirit. Rev. Joyner continued with the song, "I need Thee every hour." Rev. C. H. Andrews after being presented by the President selected for a text Isaiah 35th chapter and 8th verse. Subject: And a highway shall be there. The Rev. Andrews was very entertaining and instructive in his discourse. He made a comparison between the earth's highway and Heaven's highway. We may be destroyed on the highway on earth, but if we stay on Heaven's highway we go home safely. Rev. H. B. Joyner led us to the Throne of Grace.

The President now asked S. P. Purdie, of Black Creek, to lift the collection which amounted to $3.55.

Next the roll of Lady Agents was called; amount collected from them $7.75; Annual Members fees amounted to $12.75; making a total from the table of $24.05.

Benediction by Rev. H. B. Joyner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Convention re-assembled for business.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bros. J. C. Barnes and E. C. Foye. Bro. Barnes led with the familiar song, "Draw me nearer." Bro. E. C. Foye read for Scripture lesson the 6th chapter of the 2nd Corinthians. Prayer by Bro. Barnes. They then led with hymn 87.

The minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted.

The enrollment of delegates and messengers was continued.

Bro. E. K. Patterson now introduced Rev. W. L. Hamlin of the A. M. E. Z. Church to the Convention. He spoke in high terms of all efforts being put forth for Kingdom building. He said the mission of the church was not to make jobs or money getting but to save souls. He spoke highly of Bros. E. K. Patterson and R. T. Jones as business men and church men, and referred to others. Rev. Hamlin is an instructive and able divine. The Convention honored his address by a standing vote.

Then Rev. Moye introduced Rev. Tate, of Shaw University, who now addressed the body. He spoke of the progress of the Sunday School and church, but says he, we need more peace, brotherhood, and the vision of God. The body extended him a vote of thanks. Rev. Moye lifted a collection for Rev Tate amounting to $2.00.

The following committees were now appointed: Resolutions and Constitution, on Temperance, on Time and Place, on New Schools, on Obituaries.

Rev. Moye was now granted leave of absence as he was called away on important business.

The President now requested Rev. A. A Smith to introduce Rev. R. W. Underwood of the First Baptist of Goldsboro, to address the Convention. Rev. Underwood is an able divine and has erected one of the most modern and beautiful churches in North Carolina.

Rev. Johnson, of the Antioch Baptist Church of Goldsboro, addressed the body. He also is an able divine, splendid preacher and well educated He warned us of the movement of the Catholics to capture our young people.

Collection amounted to $2.25.

Benediction by Rev. J. Bowden.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

At 8 p. m., the Convention re-assembled. The devotional service was conducted by Bros. W. J. Rogers and Frederick Grantham Bro. Rogers lined hymn No. 20. He also read for Scripture lesson a part of the 10th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. Joyner Second song led by Brother Frederick Grantham which was No. 210.

The program was turned over to Rev. C C. Crawford.

A program was rendered by the Sunday School of the First Baptist Sunday School and other local talent.

First welcome on the part of Deacons by J. W. Gorham.

Welcome on the part of the Business League by J. W. Clark.

Welcome on the part of Insurance by J. W. Trotty.

Welcome on the part of the Medical profession by Dr. J. P Harrison.

Essay by Mrs. A. L. Dawson.

Welcome on the part of the Ministers Union by Rev J. E. Holder.

Welcome on the part of the Fraternal Orders by Prof. W. C. Redding.

Solo by Miss Inez Kelly.

Acceptance of welcomes on the part of the Convention by J E. Baker.

Rev. C C. Crawford now sang a reviving song. He now turned the chair over to the President T. J. Patterson

Rev. C. A. Whitley who was on the program to preach, being absent, Rev. R W. Underwood preached the sermon, associated by Rev. Johnson. He selected for his text Isaiah 57:7. Subject: Promulgation of the Gospel. He proved himself a gospel interpreter.

Prayer was invoked by the speaker.

Brother J. C. Barnes and Dr C. H. Bynum raised the collection which amounted to $5.05. Total collections for the day $31.30 from the table.

Assignment of delegates to homes

Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:30 A. M., the Convention assembled for business.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bros. A W. Bizzell and J. H. Aycock. Bro. Bizzell opened with hymn 227. Brother Aycock read for the Scripture lesson the first Psalm. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Barnes. Second selection was No. 87.

The President then arose and after a few brief remarks, announced the house ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted.

The roll was then called.

Next the appointment of committees was continued.

The annual address of the President was called for. The address was well prepared and well delivered and instructive.

A motion now prevailed to turn the address over to a committee.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Disbursements and the committee on Nomination of Officers.

The hour having arrived for the Sunday School sermon by Rev. C. C. Gillett The business was suspended. Bro. W. J. Rogers opened service by lining hymn No. 853. Rev. W. W. Staton now read the 100th Psalm. Rev. Staton also offered prayer Next was sung the song, "I will guide thee with mine eye. The Vice-President now introduced the speaker of the hour. The Rev. C. C. Gillette came forward and after a few preliminary remarks selected for a text Deut. 4. verses 9 and 10 Subject: The Sunday School World, New Methods and Deeds. The Reverend gave light on many points touching the Sunday School. He preached a splendid sermon.

The President now announced the names of the committee to examine his address

Collection of annual fees $2.50. Public collection $5 50 which was lifted by Bro. O. R. Shepard.

Benediction by Rev Gillette.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 P. M., the Convention met again for business. The devotional was conducted by Rev. Joseph Bowden and Deacon E E. Croom. Rev. Bowden opened with hymn No. 490. Deacon Croom read the 31st chapter of St. James. Prayer by Rev. Bowden He led with hymn No. 283.

The President now announced the house ready for business.

The minutes of the forenoon session were now read, approved and adopted.

The Convention now suspended business to lift a collection for Bro. J. H. Jones who was in the hospital at Raleigh suffering with his leg The public gave $5.00 and the Convention made it $10.00.

The President now presented the Hon. Starr Hicks to the Convention. He came forward and delivered us a strong and interesting address. Brother Hicks is one of the old time religious workers He is strong in his convictions and staid in his belief. He has been a power for good in the Free-Will Church.

We now listened to the different reports. The Treasurer reported; the Auditor reported; The Committee on the President's Address made its report; Committee on New Schools reported; Committee on Obituaries reported; Lady Agents made their report; Committee on Time and Place. The committees concluded their report. It was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary write up the General History of the Convention.

The Convention recommended a consolidation of the Convention minutes with the Association minutes

The Executive Board reported.

Motion prevailed that the Convention pay the delegates to the Convention $5.00 each.

Benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION.

At 8:30 P. M the Convention re-assembled for business. After several songs had been rendered Rev. A. A. Smith read the Scripture lesson.

Prayer by Deacon O. R Shepard.

Song service continued.

The Literary Program to be rendered by the different schools was now in

order. Secretary R. T. Jones acted as Master of Ceremonies.

First, music by the choir.

Solo by Miss Norma Best.

Oration by Mr. W. M. Jones. Subject: Religious Education.

Recitation by Miss Minnie Battle

Recitation by Miss Annie Thompson.

Recitation by Miss Estella Buckram.

Spiritual recital by John D. Sauls.

Declamation by Winston Ford.

Music by the choir.

The President now assumed the chair and appointed Bros L. W. Sauls and A. T. Kennedy to lift the collection which was $7.20.

The President next presented Rev. C. C\ Crawford to preach the Doctrinal sermon. He selected for a text Acts 28th chapter and 22nd verse. He preached a short, logical and spiritual sermon. He closed by singing one of his spiritual songs.

The Convention now closed by benediction to meet with Barnes Chapel, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1929.

T. I. PATTERSON, President.
R. T. JONES, Secretary.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE.

August 25, 1928.

The Convention convened for service. Rev. R. P. Lawson led with a song. He read as a Scripture lesson Psalms 1st.Prayer was offered by Rev. Howard. The choir at this point led with music. The President being absent on account of illness of his wife. Secretary R. T. Jones acted as conductor of the services. He also presented Dr. A. A. Smith who preached the 11 o'clock sermon. He selected for a text Matt. 7th chapter and 7th verse. Subject: Golden Key of Prayer. The Reverend must have been at his best. The sermon was strong and pointed.

At this point the Clerk called Bros. E. D. Whitfield and Gaston Lee to lift the collection which amounted to $6.50.

The body then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. Haywood.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

At 3:30 P. M. the Convention convened. The choir rendered splendid music. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Lawson. The choir sang. Rev. Haywood read for a Scripture lesson Isaiah 55. Prayer was offered by Deacon Major Barber. The Clerk now presents Rev. Haywood as speaker of the evening. His subject was: Life more abundant. Instead of thorns coming up it would be the myrtle tree The sermon was full of facts and entertaining.

Collection was lifted by Bros. J. W. Gorham and F. R. Nunn which amounted to $3.01. Total for the day $9.51. The amount was paid out as follows: Rev. A. A. Smith $3.70, Rev. J' F. Haywood $2.00. Mr. F. D. Pearsall 60 cents, balance turned over to the treasurer which was $3.21.

We now adiourned to meet with Barnes Chapel Sunday School Thursday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1929.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Officers and members of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is true that the curtain of time is about to be lowered and the acts of another term of this Convention (a Christian Institution) which is dear to us all. Dear because of the inspiration she affords. christian principles Christlike ideals, and a sound Christian philosophy are the principles for which she stands. Then as the curtain is being lowered everyone rejoices Allow me before the curtain is lowered.

to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to you for the loyal support you have given me in our attempt to carry out the work of this Institution during these years of my administration. As I give to you these words of thanks for the loyal way you have supported me during these three years I have served you as President of this grand old Convention; allow me to leave this fact with you. No administration can prove to be an asset to an institution nor can the administration do progressive work without the hearty support of all the members of that institution.

View with me if you please the part the last three years have played in history-making. Three years ago we were assembled in the Mount Zion Baptist Church of this city. I shall never forget the rational way we expedited business at that meeting. I shall never forget the fruitful thoughts that had their birth at that meeting of the Convention It is an inspiration to think of the way the members accepted these ideas and have long since transmuted them in human values. As we look around we can see the fruits of them now, as we are assembled in the First Baptist Church of the same city.

We hope this session will not only be replete with the atmosphere of business, but that each person present will inhale the pure Christian zephyrs that should permeate every heart.

I take this opportunity to thank you for the exalted position you have seen fit to honor me with, especially so by repeated re-elections.

I have endeavored to use to the very best of my ability the emblems of authority with which you have trusted me. The same I bring back to you without a blemish. I have held them before me as that sacred guide as I attempted to steer this old ship in the way God would have it go. As we said, in the same way I bring them back to you.

How swiftly time flies, one year has passed into the annals of eternity, and yet each one has registered the same twelve months as those did of centuries past. In the language of the poet, "And so we meet to stop times' flit but a little while to stay, each hand to grasp with fraternal clasp and greet our inmates."

CONDITION OF THE CONVENTION.

The dove of peace has found refuge in our bounds, hate and vengeance have found no abiding place within our fold. The Convention has been prosperous numerically We have gone beyond our fondest dream. Financially we are continually showing a safe balance. At the same time we meet squarely and promptly all of our financial obligations. The work I have witnessed is a decided improvement over that of former years.

I want to impress upon the minds of all officers of the subordinate Sunday school the importance of memorizing the work of the Convention. When the work of the Convention is memorized a greater result is seen.

Our Convention is growing and expanding in all directions. What the future holds for us depends solely upon what we do each day. We must unselfishly sow the seeds of justice, mercy, truth and love if we hope to grow a character that will withstand the storm of time.

VISITATIONS

I am sorry to say that my visits have not been what I would like for them to have been My health has been of such that it would not allow me to make the visits I had in mind. I had hoped to visit a vast number of the Sunday Schools and render to them whatever assistance I could have been to them. but I was able to make only one visit. I visited the Rouse Chapel Sunday School. I was greatly inspired as I joined in with them with their Sunday School work. Everything seemed to have been moving along smoothly. They paid their 1927 representative fee. This visit proved to be a success.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I advocate no new laws at this session; as we are waiting to hear from the Associations I do think it would be a fair proposition if the representative fees were 12 or 12 1-2 cents per member instead of 15 cents until other arrangements are made; that do I advocate.

CONCLUSION.

The curtain is lowered, the act is ended, the stage is being arranged for the next scene.

During my term of office, probably I have not always done the things with which you were in accord but I assure you that I have put forth every effort to strengthen and extend the Christian ties of love in all directions.

I thank all of you who have assisted me in keeping our Convention up to the high place it has reached in this world. I thank you for the present help and encouragement you are giving me, I thank you.

T. I. PATTERSON, President.

REPORTS.

THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

Kinston, N. C., August 24, 1928.

For the year ending Aug. 24, 1928 to the Convention:

Brought forward from the Treasurer, 1926		$ 35.46
The Treasury 1927		45.46
Paid over by H. C. Carroll at the Association		12.00
Sent during the year through Fred Isler, Davis Chapel		1.00
Total turned over to the Treasurer		$ 93.92
Disbursements since the Convention—		
Bro. Lee Sauls	$ 5.00	
Rev. E. M. Saunders	2.00	
Printing the Minutes	25.00	
Distributing the Minutes	3.00	
Money order	.30	
Delegate to State Convention E. K. Patterson	9.31	
Paid Bro. H. C. Carroll	3.00	$ 47.61
Total in Treasury		$ 46.31

Secretary's Annual Report to the Convention.

Lucama, N. C., August 20, 1928.

Dear Sir: I am writing to inform you owing to illness in my family I will not be able to meet with you this session. My husband has been ill for three weeks. I can't leave him, and besides on the 16th day of August a great storm struck my home and did much damage. I thank the Lord for sparing my life. Pray for me. I will try and send the money for the school in time.

MARY E. MORGAN

Eureka, N. C., August 22, 1928.

My dear Pastor: Just a few lines from me this morning. This leaves me well and truly hope it may find you the same. We decided to send you our money so you can represent for us if you please. It would cost us so much to send a delegate and we thought this would be better for us.

From your Sister, JENNIE JOHNSON.

Enclosed find $2.50.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Mr. President: I beg to make the following report:

Received from the Convention	$ 45.26
I had on hand	35.46
I received since the Convention	13.00
Total amount received	$ 93.72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing of the minutes	$ 25.00
Distribution of the minutes	3.00
Money order	.30
Paid out to H. C. Carroll	3.00
Paid to E. R. Patterson	9.31
Paid to E. M. Saunders	2.00
Paid to Lee Sauls	5.00
Total amount of disbursements	$ 47.61
Balance on hand	$ 46.31

B. B. BEST, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Mr. President, officers and members of the Convention: I your Auditor beg leave to make my report: The following is the condition of the Treasury as of August 22, 1928.

Balance brought forward August, 1926	$ 35.46
Received at Mount Pleasant 1927	45.46
Received from Davis Chapel by H. Carroll	13.00
Total received	$ 93.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Minutes	$ 28.00
E. K. Patterson, for Association	9.31
L. E. Sauls for service	5.00
H. C Carroll expenses	3.00
E. M. Saunders, Board meeting	2.00
For money order	.30
Leaving in the Treasury a net balance of	$ 47.31

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, wish to submit the following report: We find it has pleased our blessed Lord to call from labor to reward Rev. P. B Barnes from St. Stephens, Goldsboro, N. C.; Bro. Donas Loftin and Sister Leah Parks from Shady Grove, LaGrange, N. C.; Bro. Luke Taylor, Sister Manerva Ward and Sister Sallie Ann Davis from Best Grove, Goldsboro, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN DRAUGHN, REBECCA BEST, Secretary,
EULA RODGERS, MINNIE E. JOYNER,
C. J. WALLS, Committee.

REPORT ON NEW SCHOOLS.

Mr. President: We, your Committee on New Schools, beg leave to submit the following report: We find no New Schools. Respectfully.

REV. JOSEPH BOWDEN, FERDIE GRANTHAM,
A. W. BIZZELL, ROX ANNA BRIGHT,
D W. BEST, Committee.

Mr. President: We your Committee on Time and Place, beg to recommend the following: Barnes Chapel as the Church and School for the next sitting of the Convention; time, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1929.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ELLA PENDER.
BRO. E. C. FOYE,
BRO. ROBT. L. BARNES,
VIOLA WASHINGTON, Sec'y
Committee.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We, your committee on President's Address, beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the President's Address and find it all o. k.

BRO. J. H. COOR,
REV. C. H. ANDREWS,
J. E. BAKER, Secretary,
Committee.

COLLECTIONS FOR SHAW UNIVERSITY.

O. K. Patterson	$ 1.00	Mrs. Winnie Lassiter	.25
T. I Patterson	1.00	E. M. Saunders	.25
Rev. T. T. Williams	.50	J. S. Green	.25
J. H. Coor	.50	James Barnes	.25
R T. Jones	.25	Mrs. Mary J Ruffin	.25
A. A. Smith	.25	Clarence Johnson	.25
C. H. Lane	.25	Addie Reavis	.25
W. J. Rogers	.50	Beatrice Johnson	.25
Samuel Loftin	.50	Richard J. King	.25
B B. Best	.50	Julia Mae Wooten	.25

PER CAPITA TAX.

	Due	Number Scholars	Paid
Augusta Chapel	$...	30	$ 4.50
Shady Grove	....	15	2.25
Atkinson Chapel	....	20	3.00
Liberty Grove	.50	10	1.00
First Baptist, Dover	....	20	3.00
Banks Chapel	....	40	6.00
Buckhorn	.35	7	.70
Holly Green	....	10	1.00
Ebenezer Baptist	....	28	4.20
Hooks Grove	....	40	6.00
St Stephens	2.00	40	4.00
Rouse Chapel	.25	20	2.75
Mount Pleasant	2.50	50	5.00
Morning Star	3.45	53	4.50
Patterson Chapel	.50	20	2.50
Bests Grove	....	25	3.75
Mount Zion	....	35	5.25
Davis Chapel	....	15	1'50
Barnes Chapel	8.80	76	2.80

ANNUAL FEES AND PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.

	Annual Fees.	Public Collections.
Thursday Morning	$12.75	$ 3.55
Thursday Afternoon	7.75	....
Thursday Evening	2.25	5.05
Friday Morning	3.00	2.50
Friday Evening	3.00	.. .

TOTAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Annual Fees	$ 28.75
Public Collections	12.10
Per Capita Tax	67.70
Lady Agents	56.92
District Superintendents	1.50
Total Receipts	$ 167.97
Brought forward by Treasurer	46.31
Grand total	$ 214.28
Number of Scholars enrolled	574

C. H. LANE,
DORA WATERS,
A. T. KENNEDY,
Committee.

DISBURSEMENTS

President T. I. Patterson	$ 10.00
Vice-President W J. Rogers	6.00
Secretary R. T. Jones	10.00
Corresponding Secretary Fred Isler	6.00
Finance Committee A. T. Kennedy	2.00
Finance Committee C. H. Lane	2.00
Finance Committee Miss Dora Walters	2.00
Stationery, Bro. Fred Isler	.50
Rev. C. H. Andrews, preaching	2.00
Rev. R. W. Underwood, preaching	2.00
Bro. H. Draughn, special meeting	1.00
Bro. C. H. Lane, special meeting	1.00
Bro. J H. Aycock	1.00
Morning Star Sunday School	5.60
T. T. Williams, Auditor	2.00
R. T. Jones, programs	4.50
R. T Jones, mail trips and stationery	4.00
A. A. Smith, special meeting	1.00
A. A. Smith, Delegate	5.00
R. T. Jones, notices of special meeting	1.50
Rev C. C. Gillette, preaching	2.00
B. B. Best, Treasurer	2.00
Bro. J. H. Jones, donation	5.00
Bro. J H. Jones, Board meeting	2.00
E. K. Patterson, Rep. State Convention	15.00
E. K. Patterson, Delegate	5.00
E K. Patterson, ice	1.00
Bro. J. E. Baker, Board meeting	2.00
L. W. Sauls, Board meeting	2.00
Bro. E K. Patterson, special meeting	1.00
Bro. T. I. Patterson, special meeting	1.00
Rev. H. B. Joyner, special meeting	1.00
Rev. R. T. Jones, special meeting	1.00
Bro. E. E Croom, special meeting	1.00
Sister Annie Grantham, special meeting	1.00
Bro. J. H. Aycock, special meeting	1.00
Bro Fred Isler, special meeting	1.00
Bro. W. J. Rogers, special meeting	1.00
Bro. A T. Kennedy, special meeting	1.00
Bro J. G Grantham, special meeting	1.00

Sister Lula Smith, special meeting	1.00
Sister Sudie Joyner, by C. D. Sauls	1.00
Sister Anna Grantham, Lady Agent	3.00
Sister Emma Rogers, Lady Agent	3.00
Sister Estella Smith, by J. C Barnes	2.50
A. W. Bizzell, special meeting	1.00
B. B. Best, special meeting	1.00
Paid Bro. H C. Carroll on lumber and stone of Rev. R C Carroll	2.00
Cash to Treasurer	33.90
Rev. C. C. Crawford, preaching Friday night	2.00
Rev. J F. Haywood, preaching Sunday	2.00
Rev. A. A. Smith, preaching Sunday	3.70

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.

Article 1 stand as it is.

Art. 2. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, and to promote Religious Education in this Convention and State

Art. 3 be amended as follows: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board of Five members, Directory Board of five members, a Field Secretary, and as many District Superintendents and Lady Agents as may be needed and shall be composed of members of the Missionary Baptist faith.

Articles Four, Five, Six, Seven, Nine, and Ten remain the same.

Art. 11 This Convention shall meet Thursday and Friday before the fourth Sunday in August of each year.

Art. 12. That there shall be appointed a standing Program Committee who shall arrange a program for each year and that instead of preaching at 11 o'clock there shall be held a model Sunday school, the Introductory sermon on Thursday night and Literary program Friday night.

Art 13 the same

Art. 14. Annual Fees for all officers shall be 50 cents and Annual Members and delegates 25 cents.

Art. 15 the same.

Art. 16 The Executive and Directory Boards shall receive $2.00 per day and railroad expenses when called on business of the Convention.

Art. 17 the same.

Art. 18. That all Lady Agents and District Superintendents shall receive their traveling expenses to and from this Convention out of the money they collect

DEA. E. K. PATTERSON, Chmn.,
BRO. B B. BEST,
REV. H. B. JOYNER,
REV' R. W. UNDERWOOD,
REV. C. H. ANDREWS,
REV. C. C. CRAWFORD,
BRO. E. E. CROOM,
BRO. JAMES GOODEN,
BRO. J C. BARNES, Secretary,
Committee.

STATISTICS.

Banks Chapel Sunday School—Officers and teachers 12; classes 3; students 40, copies of literature used 12, funds sent up $6; donated to missions $2.00. E. DeGraffenreid, Secretary, Kinston, N. C. Delegate, Archie Bryant.

Barnes Chapel Sonday Schcol—Officers and teachers 9; classes 6; students 76, baptized 9; volumes used 12; money sent $2 90; donated to missions $12; money raised this year $30; school months 12; Supt. Hardy Barnes, Rt. 1, B. 44, Goldsboro; Secretary L. D. Smith, R. 1, B 44; delegates Estella Smith and J. C Barnes,

Holly Green Sunday School—officers and teachers 3; Class 2; students 15; funds sent $1; Supt. J. C. Cobb, R. F. D Dudley, N. C.

First Teacher—J S. Smith.

Rouse Chapel Sunday School—Officers and teachers 5; Classes 3; Enrollment 20; students baptized 17; volumes in library 60; Funds sent $2.75; Money raised this year $15; money on hand $14; Supt. Howard Rouse, LaGrange, N. C.; Secretary Mattie Taylor, LaGrange, N. C.; delegate D. W. Best; No members taught 5.

Davis Chapel Sunday School—Officers and teachers 2; Classes 2; Scholars 15; money sent $1.50; Supt. Frank Parks, LaGrange, N. C.; Secretary Mary Waters, LaGrange, N C., R.F.D.; Delegate Bryant Bizzell.

Mount Pleasant Sunday School—Officers and teachers 12; classes 4; scholars 50; school months 8; Supt. Jackson Smith, Saulston, N. C.; Secretary Minnie Black, Saulston, N. C.; Delegate Dora Waters.

Mount Zion Sunday School, Kinston, N C.—Officers and teachers 3; No. of classes 3; scholars 35; baptized 4; copies of literature 36; Funds sent up $5.25; Donated to missions $5.00; money raised this year $50.00; school months 12; Supt. R. T. Jones, Kinston, N C., Bright street; Secretary Roxanna Bright, 1109 E. Shine Street; Delegates Roxanna Bright, E. Shine Street; Viola Washington, 510 Thompson street

St Stephens Missionary Baptist Sunday School, Goldsboro, N. C.—Officers and teachers 9; classes 7; Scholars 40; scholars baptized 7; Funds sent $4; donated to Missions $50; Supt. Reddick Thompson, Goldsboro, N. C.; Sec. W. H. B Atkinson, Goldsboro, N. C.; Ella Pender delegate.

Eureka Sunday School—Funds sent up $2.50; Delegate Jennie Johnston.

Augusta Chapel Sunday School—Officers and teachers 9; classes 5; Enrollment 30; baptized 2; Funds sent $4.50; months 12; Supt. C H. Lane, R. 2; Dudley, N. C.; Secy. Sidney McKinnie, Genoa, N C.; Delegate Freddie Lane.

Shady Grove Sunday School, Bests, N. C —Officers and teachers 3; Classes 3; Scholars 15; Funds sent $2.25; Supt. Fred Isler, R. 3, LaGrange, N. C.; Sec. Callie Loftin, R 3, LaGrange, N. C.; Delegate Ernest Isler.

Patterson Chapel Sunday School—Officers and teachers 8; Classes 3; Enrollment 20; Funds sent $2.50; Supt. Wm. Vause, Kinston, N. C.; Sec. Emma Dove, R.F.D. 6, Kinston, N. C.; Delegate James Gooding.

Liberty Grove Sunday School—Officer sand teachers 3; Classes 3; Enrollment 10; Funds sent up $1 00; months in session 12; Supt. A. W. Bizzell, R.F.D., LaGrange, N. C.; Secretary Rosle L. Exum; Delegate Clara E. Best.

Bests Grove Sunday School—Officers and teachers 9; Classes 5; Enrollment 25; Funds sent $3 75; money raised this year $52.00; money on hand

$20.00; months taught 12; copies literature 40; Supt. Dennis Best, R. 5, Goldsboro; Secretary Mildred Best, R. 5, Goldsboro; Delegate Rebecca Best, Box 282, Goldsboro, N. C.

Buckhorn Sunday School, Wayne County—Officers and teachers 3; classes 2; scholars 7; funds sent up to Convention 70 cents; money on hand $1 00; Supt. J. White, R.F.D. 4, Goldsboro, N. C.; Sec. Emma Langston, Goldsboro, N' C.; Delegate C J. Wall, R.F.D. 4, Goldsboro, N. C.

Atkinson Chapel Sunday School—Officers 7; Classes 3; Enrollment 20; Scholars baptized 3; Copies of literature 40; Funds sent up $3; donated to Missions $1.02; volumes in library 6; months in session 12; Supt. W. J. Rogers, R.F.D 3, B. 26, Goldsboro, N. C.; Sec. H. Draughn, R.F.D. 5, Box 193, Goldsboro, N. C; Delegates to the Convention Eula Rogers, Helen Drawhorn.

First Baptist Sunday School, Dover. N. C.—Officers and teachers 5; Classes 5; Scholars 20; Literature in Library 10; Funds sent up $3.00; Supt. S. L. Oats, Dover. N. C.; Sec. Martha Hill. Dover. N. C'; Delegate C. H. Branch, Dover, N. C.

Hooks Grove Sunday School—Officers and teachers 4; Classes 4; Scholars enrolled 40; baptized 4; Literature used 55 copies; Funds sent $4 00; school months 12; Supt. J. H. Aycock, Pikeville; Secretary Almira Hagans, Pikeville; Delegate Almira Hagans.

Ebenezer Sunday School, LaGrange, N. C.—Officers 3; teachers 5; classes 5; students 28; baptized 3; funds sent $4 20; months taught 12; Supt. Leander E. Wooten, LaGrange, N. C.; Secretary Ruth Wooten, Box 211, LaGrange, N. C.; Delegate Winnie E. Joyner

Morning Star Sunday School. First Baptist Church, Kinston. N. C.—Officers and teachers 10; classes 10; students 53; baptized 3; Funds sent up $4.50; money raised this year $88; money on hand $1 65; months taught 12; Supt. F. D. Pearsall, Kinston, N. C. Sec Autry Flowers; Delegate F. D. Pearsall.

ROLL OF SCHOOLS AND DELEGATES.

The following Schools paid 25 cents each except Atkinson and Mount Zion, they paid 50 cents each.

Atkinson—Eula Rogers and Helen Drawhorn; Buckhorn—C. J Wall; Liberty Grove—Clara Best; Banks Chapel—Archie Bryant; Ebenezer, Winnie Joyner; Augusta Chapel—Freddie Grantham; Barnes Chapel—J C. and Robert Barnes and E. Smith paid 75 cents; Hooks Grove—Almira Hagans; Mount Zion School—Roxanna Bright and V. Washington; St Stephen—Fl'a Pender; Bests Grove—Rebecca Best; Morning Star—F D. Pearsall; Holly Green—Lillian Coley; Shady Grove—Ernest Isler; Mount Pleasant—Dora Waters; Patterson Chapel—James Gooding and Elvie Loftin 50 cents; Davis Chapel—Bryant Bizzell; Rouse Chapel—D. W. Best; First Baptist, Dover—C. H. Branch; Brooks Chapel—Lena Purdie.

THE LITERARY PROGRAM FOR 1929.

Thursday at eleven o'clock—Model Sunday School exercises.
Thursday night at 7:30 P. M.—Introductory sermon by Rev. A. A Smith.
Friday at eleven o'clock—Sunday School sermon by Rev. H B. Joyner.
Friday night—Literary program by all the Schools.
Lady Agents raising $12.00 will receive a prize of $2.50.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Sunday School Convention.

Art. 2. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of religious educational training in the Bear Creek Sunday School Convention.

Art. 3. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Board of five members, Directory Board of five members, and as many District Superintendents and Lady Agents as may be needed, and shall be composed of members of the Missionary Baptist faith.

Art. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside during the deliberation of the Convention in observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions, giving his opinion concerning any subject discussed after those wishing to speak shall have spoken or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art 5. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assume the duties of the President in his absence.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each session, compile and distribute the minutes.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies sent up from the schools or collected during the session of this body and after the immediate expenses shall have been paid shall pay out balance of said moneys by direction of the Directory Board of the Convention He shall give a satisfactory bond.

Art. 8. The Executive Board shall meet when necessary and transact all business that demand their attention. Any school calling for the board shall pay the expenses of the board.

Art. 9. Schools may continue their membership in contributing 10 cents per scholar annually.

Art. 10. The Convention may invite visiting brethren to seats and extend to them all the privileges except voting.

Art. 11. This Convention shall meet on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in August of each year.

Art 12. By appointment of the Convention there shall be preached at each annual session an introductory sermon on Thursday at 11:30 a. m.; Literary Program at night; on Friday night Literary Program.

Art. 13. This Constitution may or can be amended at any annual session.

Art 14. Annual fees for all officers shall be 25 cents.

Art. 15. The Directory Board shall co-operate with the Trustees of the Association.

Art. 16. The Executive and Directory Boards shall receive $2.00 per day when called on business of the Convention.

Art 17. This Convention shall represent in the State Convention each year by delegate or letter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LETTER.

To the Bear Creek Baptist Sunday School Convention—Greetings:

We the .....at

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..... 192..... report as follows for this Conventional year:

Number of Officers and Teachers.....

Number of Classes.....

Total Enrollment.....

Number of scholars baptized this year.....

Number of copies of literature used.....

Funds sent up..... $.....

Donated to McDaniel School..... $.....

Donated to District Superintendent..... $.....

Donated to Missions..... $.....

Money raised this year..... $.....

Money on hand..... $.....

Volumes in Library.....

Number of months school was held.....

Number of months school was not held.....

Superintendent .....

Post Office .....

Secretary .....

Post Office .....

Delegate .....

Rev. C. S. Brown
Winton, N. C.